

MINUTES OF MEETING
PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION
DECEMBER 7, 2010

The meeting of the Public Defender Services Commission was convened at 4:33 p.m., in the conference room, at the Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford, Connecticut.

Members Present

Thomas J. Rechen, Esq., **Chair**
Honorable Julia DiCocco Dewey
Carl Eisenmann, Esq.
Monsignor William A. Genuario
Aimee Golbert, LCSW
Atty. Ramona Mercado-Espinoza
Honorable John W. Pickard

Others Present

Susan O. Storey, Chief Public Defender
Brian S. Carlow, Deputy Chief Public Defender
Nancy M. Roberts, Director of Human Resources
John Day, Director of Special Public Defenders
Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford
Walter Bansley, Special Public Defender
Banlsey Law Offices
Ramon J. Canning, Public Defender
Windham Judicial District/Geographical Area 11
James Connolly, Supervisory Assistant Public Defender
Juvenile Post Conviction and Re-Entry Unit
Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford

Others Present (Cont'd)

Bruce McIntyre, Special Public Defender

Hellum & McIntyre

Martin Zeldis, Chief of Legal Services

Office of Chief Public Defender, Hamden

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2010 meeting.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go into Executive Session at 4:35 p.m. The reason for convening in Executive Session was in accordance with Section 1-200(6)(A) and Section 1-210(b)(10) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to come out of Executive Session at 5:35 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Attorney Heather M. Wood to the position of Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Legal Services Unit, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hamden. One Commission member abstained from the vote. The effective date of the appointment is at the discretion of the Chief Public Defender.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Attorney Jennifer L. Bourn to the position of Assistant Public Defender, Legal Services Unit, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hamden. One Commission member abstained

from the vote. The effective date of the appointment is at the discretion of the Chief Public Defender.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Attorney Keith Zackowitz to the position of Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Windham Judicial District/ Geographical Area 11. The effective date of the appointment is at the discretion of the Chief Public Defender.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Steven J. Kokinis to the position of Public Defender Administrative Assistant, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford. The effective date of the appointment is at the discretion of the Chief Public Defender.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 5:40 p.m. The reason for convening in Executive Session was in accordance with Section 1-200(6)(A) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to come out of Executive Session at 5:50 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to reclassify Sandra L. Massey to the position of Paralegal II, Legal Services Unit, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hamden.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to reclassify Jennifer Markoja to the position of

Paralegal II, Juvenile Post Conviction and Re-Entry Unit, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to deny the request for Authorization to Incur Expenses in the matter of State vs. Timothy Tyler.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 5:52 p.m. The reason for convening in Executive Session was in accordance with Section 1-210(b)(10) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to come out of Executive Session at 6:30 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the schedule of invoices as submitted to the Commission.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to table an Authorization to Incur Expenses in the matter of Richard Reynolds vs. Warden.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve all other Authorizations to Incur Expenses as submitted to the Commission.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the Proposed Adjustments to the Current Special Public Defender List.

The Chief Public Defender discussed the permanent statuses.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to grant permanent status to Supervisory Assistant Public Defender, Susan M. Cococcia, Geographical Area 14 (Hartford), upon the successful completion of her promotional probationary period.

The Chief Public Defender discussed the attorney reappointments.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to reappoint the following attorneys to a new four-year term: Senior Assistant Public Defender, Kenneth R. Bunker, Milford Judicial District/Geographical Area 22, expiring on 12/11/14; Assistant Public Defender, Leslie K. Cavanagh, Waterbury Judicial District, expiring on 12/11/14; Supervisory Assistant Public Defender, James Connolly, Juvenile Post Conviction and Re-Entry Unit, Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford, expiring on 12/13/14; and Assistant Public Defender, Christopher D. Eddy, Geographical Area 15 (New Britain), expiring on 12/24/14.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the proposed Commission meeting dates for 2011, subject to changes in availability.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian S. Carlow

Deputy Chief Public Defender